



From left to right: Tempe Chamber of Commerce Chair Joan Jakel-Smith, award recipient Darlene Justus and Chamber President/CEO Mary Ann Miller.

## Tempe activist wins Spirit of Tempe Award

Tempe resident Darlene Justus was honored with the Spirit of Tempe Award at the Tempe Chamber of Commerce's 10th annual Breakfast for Chamber Champions on Feb. 13.

The Spirit of Tempe award recognizes service and dedication to improving quality of life in the community. Since retiring in 1999, Justus has been extremely active in the community. She was instrumental in making positive changes at Evelyn Hallman Park, formerly Canal Park. Justus was on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Tempe Zoning Ordinance, actively participating in the review, revision and implementation of zoning ordinances. She supported plans for the North Tempe Multigenerational Center and currently sits on the Papago Salado Association board.

Justus is president of the North Tempe Neighborhood Association and president of the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation. The foundation's goal is to raise funds to restore the 1929 Eisendrath House. Last year, Justus worked closely with Tempe Leadership Class XXI on a fundraising event that brought in more than \$40,000 for the project.



## Neighborhood issues are opportunities for change

By City Councilmember Ben Arredondo

Neighborhoods are the foundation of our community. I take great pride in carrying out my commitment to make them the best they can be. It is vitally important for the city to focus on neighborhoods to enhance quality of life for all our residents, to ensure neighborhoods are safe and to provide neighborhood parks that look great and serve all users.

This focus on neighborhoods will be evident through my work as chair of the Neighborhood Quality of Life, Public Safety and Parks and Recreation Council Committee. Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian serves with me on the committee, which is dedicated to addressing issues like Arizona State University's impact on neighborhoods, rental housing, human service programs, public safety resources and neighborhood parks.

While the committee will address all of these issues, three areas are priorities for us: alleys, public safety and parks. Each is fundamental for our residents and each demands careful thought and attention from the City Council and involved staff.

In addition to periodic maintenance of local alleys, the city manages an Alley Reconstruction Program to remove debris and install recycled asphalt pavement. Both efforts – maintenance and reconstruction – improve the appearance of our community, reduce dust and enable our sanitation staff to collect refuse safely and efficiently. Currently, the Alley Reconstruction Program is scheduled to be completed in more than 10 years. In my view, that's not good enough for Tempe. The Neighborhood Committee has recommended completion of the program in four years. This suggestion will be reviewed during the annual budget process. Meanwhile, a little-known Tempe ordinance requires residents to keep the alleys directly behind their homes – from the property line to the center of the alley – free of debris, weeds, overhanging trees and bushes. Please keep that in mind and help keep our neighborhoods attractive.

The safety of our neighborhoods is paramount. My committee works to ensure that the Tempe Police and Fire departments have the necessary resources to provide for that safety. Improvements on the way include the new police substation on Apache Boulevard, which opens in May, and the proposed new fire station in southeast Tempe. The addition of these two stations, along with the staff that will come with them, will help move us toward full staffing and increased safety for our neighborhoods.

A well-designed and maintained public park often serves as the prime gathering spot in a community. Many of our city parks are older and lack amenities such as accessible playground equipment, shade structures, upgraded drinking fountains, sports courts and multi-use paths. These amenities are now commonplace throughout the Valley, but they weren't so common when many of Tempe's parks were built decades ago. Current funding allows for the redesign and refurbishment of just two parks per year – at that rate, the children and grandchildren in many families would be grown before they ever got to enjoy a rejuvenated park. Councilmember Shekerjian and I have identified additional funding for neighborhood parks. We will continue working with the Mayor and Council to make the rehabilitation of four neighborhood parks a year a reality. Four parks a year is better than two – and I know Tempe residents would agree.

As we move through 2007, I will continue to tackle issues that are important to residents. Please contact me at 480-350-8834 or [ben\\_arredondo@tempe.gov](mailto:ben_arredondo@tempe.gov) with any news and ideas about your neighborhood. I welcome the input and the opportunity to affect change.

## Free bus passes for youth

Starting May 14, the City of Tempe will begin issuing free 2007-2008 bus passes for Tempe youth. In its third year, the Tempe Youth Free Bus Pass program allows students ages six to 18, who are residents of Tempe, to ride all Valley Metro bus routes for free.

Current buss passes expire June 30. The new passes will be valid July 1 through June 30, 2008, with cards issued annually. To register, a parent or guardian must accompany the child and bring the youth's birth certificate. Applicants must provide proof of current Tempe residency. For registration, proof of residency or more information, please visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim), or contact Tempe in Motion at 480-350-2775.

## Neighborhood circulator open houses

The City of Tempe is seeking input on the potential expansion of the existing neighborhood circulator shuttle system to Tempe neighborhoods south of the US-60. Neighborhood circulators are free bus routes connecting neighborhoods with arterial streets and commercial and recreational destinations. Smaller and quieter than traditional buses, neighborhood circulators hold 18 to 20 people and offer high-frequency service.

The purpose of the open house meetings is to introduce the concept and gather ideas from neighbors. Sessions will occur: Wednesday, May 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Aguilar Elementary, 5800 S. Forest Ave; and Thursday, May 10, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the South Tempe Police Substation, 8201 S. Hardy Dr. For more information or special accommodations, please contact 480-350-2775 or visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).

## El Dia de Los Niños

Visit the Tempe Public Library on Sunday, April 29, from 2-4 p.m., for a fun, free, family event! El Dia de Los Niños is a celebration of children, reading and Hispanic culture. Enjoy live entertainment, snacks and craft making. Call 480-350-5522 or visit [www.tempe.gov/youthlibrary/](http://www.tempe.gov/youthlibrary/) for details.

## Movies in the Park

Cooler temperatures won't last long – venture out with your family as the City of Tempe's free Movies in the Park spring series continues through May 25 at Kiwanis Park, 6005 S. All-America Way. Each Friday beginning at dusk (about 7 p.m.), a large inflatable screen on the west side of Kiwanis Lake shows family-friendly movies. For more information and a list of movies, call 480-350-5216 or visit [www.tempe.gov/recreation/movies](http://www.tempe.gov/recreation/movies).

## Smoke alarms

The Tempe Fire Department recommends that you replace your smoke alarm every 10 years, and the battery every year. You need to check the alarm once a month by pressing the test button and cleaning the alarm four times a year. If you need assistance replacing your alarm or you are unable to afford to purchase an alarm, call the Tempe Fire Department at 480-858-7230 for assistance. For more information on smoke alarms, visit [www.tempe.gov/fire](http://www.tempe.gov/fire) and look under Community Education.

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## 2007 Rotary River Rally and Cardboard Boat Regatta

The 8th Annual Rotary River Rally, featuring The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, will be Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21, at Tempe Town Lake. Each year, about 100 boats – made of corrugated cardboard, paint and glue – are entered from schools around the Valley. Teams win awards for best design, most team spirit and best costumes – an award is even given for the most spectacular sinking! Thousands of spectators join the fun and cheer on the teams. For more information, visit [www.rotaryriverrally.com](http://www.rotaryriverrally.com).



## Off-duty officers assist stranded visitors

Commander Tim Bulson   Sergeant Kevin Renwick

While visiting family in the Valley in February, Indiana residents Fred and Terri Binder ran into unexpected trouble. While traveling 65 mph on the Loop 101 freeway, the right rear tire of their car unexpectedly fell apart. Their cell phone had a dead battery, so the couple tried to flag down passing traffic.

Lucky for the couple, off-duty Tempe Police Commander Tim Bulson and Sergeant Kevin Renwick were able to help. The two officers passed the scene, stopped and attempted to change the couple's tire. After the spare tire also shredded and was unusable, the officers unloaded luggage from the vehicle and drove the couple eight miles to their destination in Sun Lakes.

The Binder family wrote a letter to the Tempe Police Department, expressing appreciation for Bulson and Renwick's assistance.

"They took the time away from their families...to help an 80-year-old couple in distress," Fred Binder wrote.

## Police substation to open on Apache Boulevard

Apache Boulevard is about to get another community asset as a new Tempe Police substation opens this spring between McClintock Drive and Price Road. A grand opening ceremony, ribbon cutting and open house event will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at the substation, 1855 E. Apache Blvd. The community is welcome to join the celebration, which also will feature a display of Tempe Police equipment and vehicles. For more information, call 480-350-8853.

## Internet safety for families

The Internet has been referred to as the information superhighway, with unlimited access to information, resources and people across the globe. The Tempe Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit ([www.tempe.gov/cpu](http://www.tempe.gov/cpu)) wants to help protect Tempe youths from the downsides of the Web.

Families should know about the dangers associated with chat rooms and e-mail correspondence with strangers, as well as the need to keep personal information secure. Home computers can now be safeguarded by limiting access to certain sites – talk to your Internet service provider. A home e-mail account also can be set up for the entire family. Families can find more information about Internet safety at [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov) and [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).



*In the 1980s, Tempe Police used an ultralight aircraft to look out for crime.*

## Tempe Police: Their Own Story

Through spring 2008, the Tempe Historical Museum will showcase an exhibit about the evolution of the Tempe Police Department. The exhibit will highlight the department from its infancy in the 1890s, to the 1930s when three officers covered a city of 2,495 residents using a \$5,000 budget, to today's department of 327 sworn officers, 190 civilian employees and a budget of \$60 million.

One focus of the exhibit is how Tempe officers handle the many events in the community, from Arizona State University football games and Mill Avenue events to Tempe Town Lake and Tempe Beach Park events. Nearly 3,000 events were covered by the department in 2005.

Through the years, the influence of technology also has greatly affected the Tempe Police Department. The exhibit features an audio station, where visitors can listen to current and retired officers tell stories about the changes in technology, the handling of large events and new roles in policing. At the "Dispatch Desk," visitors can put themselves in the role of a dispatcher, while listening to live Tempe Police Department calls. Visitors can even jump up on a real Tempe Police motorcycle! For more information about the exhibit, visit [www.tempe.gov/museum](http://www.tempe.gov/museum).



## Calendar

### City Council Meetings

The April/May schedule  
for Tempe City Council meetings

#### April 5

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### April 19

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### May 3

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### May 17

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### May 31

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11  
and the Internet at  
[www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).

City Council meetings are held in  
the Council Chambers at City Hall,  
31 E. Fifth St. Agendas are posted  
24 hours before each meeting outside  
the Council Chambers and on the  
second floor of City Hall. Meetings are  
subject to change. Confirm dates and  
times with the City Clerk's Office,  
480-350-8241 or on the Web site at  
[www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk).

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## News you can use

### Celebrate Mother's Day at Kiwanis

On Sunday, May 12, Kiwanis Recreation Center will help families celebrate the most important women in their lives: their moms. From 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., all moms receive free admission to Kiwanis Recreation Center's Wave Pool with a paid child. Moms can splash around with their families and soak up some well-deserved fun. For more information about Kiwanis Recreation Center and the wave pool, call 480-350-5201 or visit [www.tempe.gov/kiwanis](http://www.tempe.gov/kiwanis).

### Relay For Life of Tempe happens May 4-5

Hundreds will gather overnight on Friday, May 4, as the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Tempe takes place at the Tempe Sports Complex, 8401 S. Hardy Drive.

Relay For Life is the signature fundraising and awareness activity of the American Cancer Society, with more than 4,600 U.S. events each year. Relay For Life of Tempe will be held from 4 p.m. Friday, May 4, to 7 a.m. Saturday, May 5. This year, the Honorary Chair of this celebration of life and cancer survivorship is Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman.

Relay For Life teams will have at least one representative walking around a track all night long, in remembrance of those who have died from cancer, in support of those battling the disease now, and as a symbolic gesture of the ongoing struggle against cancer. Registration is \$10 for adults and children. Teams of eight to 15 participants seek sponsorships from family, friends and co-workers. Sign up online at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) or by calling 602-244-0524.

### Summer school enrollment

Marcos de Niza and Desert Vista high schools will host this year's Tempe Union High School District summer school. The first session is May 30 to June 21 and the second session is June 25 to July 19. For more information, call Marnie Wright at 480-752-3568.

### Tempe Municipal Court seeks student art for Law Day Contest

In celebration of "Law Day" on May 1, the Tempe Municipal Court is sponsoring an art contest for Tempe students in 5th-8th grade. Students can use photography, painting, poster art, montage or any other artistic medium to depict their interpretation of "Liberty under Law: Empowering Youth, Assuring Democracy." All entries are welcome and will be hung for display in the Tempe City Council Chambers. The top three students in each of two categories (5th-6th graders and 7th-8th graders) will be invited to attend a City Council meeting and receive an award certificate and cash prize on Thursday, May 3. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. Entries must be received at the Tempe Municipal Court, 140 E. Fifth St., by April 25. For more information, contact Frankie Valenzuela at 480-350-8454 or visit [www.tempe.gov/court](http://www.tempe.gov/court).

### Arizona State Junior Championships

Grab a seat at Tempe Town Lake Marina on Saturday, April 21, from 8 a.m. until noon, to watch the state championships for junior rowers in Arizona. Local teams include Tempe Junior Crew, Rio Salado Rowing Club, Tempe Town Lake Rowing and Xavier Prep Crew. For more information, call Alicia Stuebner at 480-350-8069 or e-mail, [alicia\\_stuebner@tempe.gov](mailto:alicia_stuebner@tempe.gov).

### Live Well series at Pyle Center

Tempe St. Luke's Hospital and the Pyle Adult Recreation Center have teamed up to offer the Live Well Health Series, featuring information from physicians, registered dietitians, pharmacists and exercise physiologists. Each session includes a presentation by a health professional with time for questions. The sessions may also include screenings such as blood pressure, body fat or foot health. The ongoing free series takes place the third Wednesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Pyle Center, 655 E. Southern Ave. Registration is required – call 480-350-5211.